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Public Notice of Availability

**Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the
Town of East Hartford
Construction of New Fire Station and Apparatus Maintenance Facility
East Hartford, Connecticut**

Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant Project EMW-2009-FC-03656

Interested parties are hereby notified that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Assessment for construction of New Fire Station and Apparatus Maintenance Facility to be located at 141 Brewer Street, East Hartford, Connecticut.

The Town of East Hartford (East Hartford) has applied for FEMA's Firefighters Fire Station Construction Grant funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5). FEMA provides financial assistance under this program for building a new or modifying an existing fire station in order to enhance the fire departments response capability and protect the communities they serve from fire and fire-related hazards.

FEMA proposes to assist East Hartford in the construction of 16,000 square foot (SF) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified fire station, consisting of space for two fire companies, fire personnel offices and living quarters, an apparatus maintenance facility, and associated parking lot. The new fire station will be located at 141 Brewer Street which is approximately ¾ miles away from the existing fire station #5. The existing fire station #5 was built in 1931 and has become undersized, outdated, and has structural issues.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) of 1966, Executive Order 11988, Executive Order 11990, and the implementing regulations of FEMA, an Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to assess the potential impacts of the Proposed Action on the human and natural environment. This notice serves as an invitation for public comment on the proposed action and its potential effects on historic properties.

The Draft EA summarizes the purpose and need, alternatives, affected environmental, and potential environmental consequences for the proposed action. The Draft EA is available for comment and can be viewed and downloaded from FEMA's website at <http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/ea-region1.shtm> or viewed at the following locations:

- Town of East Hartford Public Library – 840 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108
- East Hartford Town Hall – Engineering Department - 740 Main Street, East Hartford, Connecticut 06108

The comment period will end 30 days from the initial notice publication date of **May 3, 2010**. Written comments on the Draft EA can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to the contact below. If no substantive comments are received, the Draft EA will become final and a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be issued for the project. Substantive comments will be addressed as appropriate in the final documents.

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